

31b. Moccasin Flower Falls

This is a beautiful waterfall about thirty feet high, which is below the Preserve of the Nature Conservancy. It is the highest waterfall on the Reghel Brugse Kill (Moccasin Kill) and is the site where the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club was founded and organized by Vincent J. Schaefer on a wintry day in January of 1929. The name given by Schaefer reflects the many pink moccasin flowers, one of the native orchids of New York State, which grew in the vicinity at that time. Since then for some reason unknown the waterfall must have suggested the name of the stream which to the knowledgeable is still called by its Dutch name.

